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## PRACTICAL JOKE ENDS SERIOUSLY FOR LOCAL BOYS

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A practical joke that will undoubtedly result seriously for two Tombstone young men, and that should forever be a lesson to practical jokers, was uncovered this afternoon following an investigation by the county officials.

This morning when the people of Tombstone awoke they were amazed to see a red flag floating at half mast from the staff at the court house. Immediately a storm of indignation spread over the city which reached for a time the height of serious impending consequences.

As soon as the red banner was noticed Sheriff McDonald ordered its removal and the investigation was started with the sheriff, county attorney's office and Superior Court participating with the result that by noon developments brought out the fact that the flag had been hoisted last night by two local boys, Dewey Chadwick and Norman Abell, as a practical joke, which the former, when confronted by the facts, confessed.

He was placed under \$500 bond awaiting advice from Judge Patee, who is hearing the deportation cases, while Abell who left this morning to enter the University of Arizona, will be brought back to face the charge with Chadwick.

Local people were astounded this afternoon to learn the facts, and the general opinion is that the two boys should have known better than to attempt to perpetrate a joke of this magnitude, especially under the conditions that now prevail here.

For a time this morning, when the matter became known many people were immediately involved as being under suspicion, which was not by any means cleared until the confession this afternoon and the real facts became known. The act now only caused suspicion and censure to be aimed at the county officials, but to the attorneys and witnesses for both the state and the defense, and only the action of Sheriff McDonald and his deputies brought the matter to the proper end this afternoon.

As soon as the Sheriff got the flag in his possession, he noticed that it was merely a piece of red calico. He was then satisfied that it had been placed there by some amateur, possibly as a joke, or possibly for the purpose of casting suspicion or influence with not only the jury but everyone connected with the deportation trials. Inquiry about the city brought out no facts, however, as to where the cloth was purchased. When subpoenas were issued, however, the facts soon became known. The cloth had been purchased at the Tombstone Commercial Co. store some time yesterday. By noon Chadwick had confessed to the sheriff saying that they had intended it only as a practical joke.

Judge Lockwood immediately placed a telephone call for Judge Patee who is now in Tucson, putting the matter up to him for his decision inasmuch as the deportation cases are on trial before him, and as the offense was taken to mean a contempt to that court Judge Lockwood felt:

## Bankhead Highway Routed by Phoenix Report is Received

PHOENIX, Feb. 7.—At the meeting of the Bankhead highway association at Birmingham, Alabama, yesterday the highway was conditionally routed from Lordsburg, New Mexico, to which town it had already been located, via Chandler and Phoenix. That condition, however, is that the road in this county must be completed by way of Antelope Bridge to the Yuma line. There was also routed a road from Lordsburg to Roosevelt, to be known as the Roosevelt branch.

It was reported some weeks ago that the directors of the association had agreed upon a routing via Tucson thence direct to Yuma. There appears to have been no foundation for that report.

One of the directors of the association for Arizona, Mayor J. G. Keating of Florence went to the meeting with the intention of securing the routing through Phoenix by the way of Florence, and that has been accomplished. It was the belief of Mr. Keating that Dr. Baker of Tucson, another of the directors, would raise no objections to that route, since it would leave Tucson on it. Nor was objection expected from the third director, who lives in Bisbee.

## VAN DYKE OUT TO BREAK WORLD RECORD

MIAMI, Feb. 7.—With the putting on of three shifts in the Van Dyke copper company's No. 1 shaft and after getting the men on those three shifts broken in, the company is out with the avowed intention of breaking the world's record for shaft sinking.

## MAY SEND COUPLE TO NEW MEXICO TO BE PROSECUTED

PHOENIX, Feb. 7.—Versi Mort, beautiful English artist's model and war worker, who was arrested by the federal authorities with Henry O'Brien on the charge of violation of the Mann act, may not be prosecuted in this state, according to J. H. Langston, assistant United States attorney.

It is understood that there is some question as to whether the girl and man with whom she came to this country from England can be prosecuted here on that charge. It is said that there is more evidence against them in the New Mexico district and that they may be sent to that state.

In the meantime, while the New Mexico authorities are considering the matter, the local federal officials are looking up other phases of the case which may lead to the deportation of the man and the 19 year old girl who is said to have refused all food since her arrest several days ago. Besides the deportation possibility, there is thought of prosecuting the couple under the immigration act. O'Brien, it is said, may be charged with importing the woman for immoral purposes.

O'Brien claims, however, that he loves the girl and that the only reason she refuses to marry him. Thru his love for her he was nearly killed last month when Dr. Thomas Campbell, a 69 year old admirer of the girl shot him. The physician, who was given his preliminary hearing on

## Marriage Licenses Gain This Week in Cochise County

The marriage license market picked up this week throughout the county, an even two dozen couples applying for the bliss tickets at the office of Clerk J. E. James of the Superior Court, as follows:

Salome Valdez, 21, to wed Maria Castillo, 14, Charleston, consent given.

Manuel G. Games, 21, to wed Trinidad Palazuelos, 20, of Douglas.

Clint Thomas, 32, to wed Adelaide Guzman, 23, Bisbee.

Cayetano Nunez, 22, to wed Amelia Ramirez, 19, Charleston.

H. L. Hase, 47, to wed Enrique Graham, 36, Douglas.

Teodoro Galindo, 22, to wed Ramona Galen, 18, Douglas.

Arturo Saucedo, 23, to wed Guadalupe Gomez, 25, Lowell.

Geo. Pili, 24, to wed Anna Suspauch, 17, Lowell.

Jess Gallem, 23, to wed Maria Gallegos, 28, Bisbee.

Carl E. Ray, 26, Douglas to wed Millian Emma Ray, 26, Seattle, Wash.

Manuel Olguin, 22, to wed Adriana Dominguez, 18, Wilcox.

Lewis H. Hunter, 21, to wed Iren G. Rex, 18, Apache, N. M.

Pedro Quijada, 29, to wed Rita Lopez, 18, consent.

J. E. Moreland, 21, to wed Agnes Villa, 18, Douglas.

Mathias Burns, 24, to wed Frankie Maddux, 19, Douglas.

Stanley D. Carner, 21, Lowell to wed Mabel Hill, 18, Bisbee.

Bernardine Cordova, 23, to wed Refugio Cadalen, 16, Courtland, consent.

Meandro Saucedo, 25, to wed Aurora Silva, 18, Douglas.

Teodoro Zamora, 50, to wed Josefa Carpio, 43, Pirtleville.

Warren W. Hulise, 29, Pearce to wed Rose Sanders, 26, Light.

Eracilio Gonzales, 24, to wed Tomasa Chavez, 20, San Simon.

Wm. H. Hurley, 28, Columbus, N. M., to wed Leona Haynes, 28, Austin Tex.

Walter A. Koch 27, to wed Mina Brooks, 26, Bisbee.

Francisco B. Garcia, 22, to wed Teresa Palazuelos, 19, Pirtleville.

## CHILDREN WILL COMPETE FOR NATIONAL PRIZE

FOR BEST ESSAY ON "WHAT ARE THE BEST BENEFITS OF AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE U. S. ARMY" BOARD WILL AWARD THREE MEDALS, INCLUDING FREE TRIP TO WASHINGTON; LOCAL CHILDREN TO COMPETE

On April 19 next a board of judges consisting of Secretary of War Baker, General Peyton C. March and General John J. Pershing, will announce to the awaiting juvenile world the names of the three boys or girls who on February 26, 1920, wrote the best essays on the subject: "What are the benefits of an enlistment in the U. S. Army?"

Then on May 3, 1920, these three boys and girls, accompanied by parents or guardians (railroad fare and all expenses paid to Washington and return for both winners and parents) will be presented with medals by Secretary Baker himself.

Gold medal, suitably engraved, to the winner of the first prize.

Silver medal, suitably engraved, to the winner of the second prize.

Bronze medal, suitably engraved, to the winner of the third prize.

In addition, three beautiful silver cups, suitably engraved, will be presented to the winners by Secretary Baker to be carried back home by them as prizes for the schools they attend.

The contest is under the auspices of the War Department but the newspaper, Come Back, the official organ of the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, asked permission to purchase the prizes. This permission was granted and the school children are really competing for prizes that were provided by maimed and injured soldiers now at Walter Reed Hospital.

There is no age limit in this contest and the little seven year old girl in Tombstone, Ariz., has the same chance of winning a prize as has the nineteen year old high school boy of Baltimore.

New York state has many times the number of school pupils that Nevada has, yet the chance of producing winners in each of these states is exactly the same.

Essays will be written in the classrooms on Friday, February 20, 1920, from notes if desired.

No essay will be more than four hundred words in length.

Pencil, or pen and ink may be used but the essay will be written on only one side of the sheet.

Essays will be judged strictly on a basis of (1) originality, (2) expression, (3) sincerity.

Each school will be judge of its own product. The principal of each school to select one essay as the entry from his school. He will then forward the entry, not later than February 27, 1920, to the army recruiting station nearest his school.

The district recruiting officer will appoint a board of three judges to pass on the essays submitted by the schools of his district. One will be selected as the best and will be forwarded to Washington as the District's entry.

From the entries of fifty-six districts Secretary Baker and General Pershing and March will select three national winners. These winners may be boys or girls, of any color, of any age.

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## Club Champions Get Free Trip to Ariz. University

TUCSON, Feb. 7.—The second Annual Boys & Girls' club congress, held prior to the Farmers' and Housekeepers' Week, was successful beyond all expectations. Through the joint generosity of the Arizona Bankers association, the Lysander Cassidy Scholarships offered through the Phoenix Chamber of commerce and the university of Arizona, 19 boys and girls received free trips to the University. In addition to this number there were other boys and girls who came at their own expense.

For the first time in the history of club work an exclusive club program was carried out. To add variety and interest to the program trips both educational and pleasurable were taken. Two luncheons, one given by the Director of Agricultural Extension and the other by the President of the University, also contributed to the success of the congress.

On Friday morning, all the champions were awarded their medals before the regular assembly of the University students. The same evening the members were initiated into the National All-Star club, and on Saturday afternoon, the program was brought to a fitting climax by a trip to the San Xavier Mission. At the writing, all of the champions have reported as reaching home safely.

## MOHAVE REPUBLICANS ENDORSE CLARK

PRESCOTT, Feb. 7.—Friends of Hon. E. S. Clark of this city are advised that the Mohave county republican central committee had at their meeting to select delegates to the state convention for the United States senate, and had by resolution instructed the delegates to support him at the convention.

This constitutes, so far as can be learned, the first public act of any republican organization in the state to back up an announced candidacy of Mr. Clark for this office, and is correspondingly pleasing to his local supporters.

## STATE OFFICES ARE HAMPERED BY MILD FORM OF INFLUENZA

PHOENIX, Feb. 7.—The prevalence of influenza in a light form is beginning to seriously affect the operation of many state offices. R. E. Merritt, state inspector of weights and measures, and his secretary, Miss Kere Hale, are the latter to be incapacitated from their duties. Merritt was obliged to go to his home early in the day. In the afternoon Miss Hale fainted while standing in the lower corridor and was removed to her home.

For the last week the attorney general's office has been placed in a demoralized condition by the enforced absence of L. B. Whitney, chief assistant and Miss Willmae Mahoney both sufferers of "flu" Whitney was able to be down to the office yesterday for a short time only. Miss Mahoney is reported as greatly improved and will be back shortly.

A. E. Stelzer secretary of the state corporation commission has been ill for more than a week, and the office routine of this department has been broken as a result.

## Issue Licenses for 40,000 Motor Cars in Arizona in 1920

PHOENIX, Feb. 7.—Fully 40,000 automobiles will be owned and operated in the state of Arizona before the close of the present year, according to estimates made yesterday by R. E. McGillen, assistant secretary of state, and based upon auto license figures for January.

During the first month of the present year, 21,596 auto licenses were issued by the secretary of state, an increase of more than 5,000 over the corresponding period in 1919, he stated. At the end of the 1919 year, more than 29,000 licenses had been issued to Arizona owners, figures show. Using these figures as a basis for estimates he said that at least 20,000 licenses will be issued during the remaining 11 months of the year.

Automobile licenses for January of this year netted the state \$28,694.72 as compared with approximately \$100,000 in the corresponding period of 1919.

## YAVAPAI TO CALL FIRST GRAND JURY IN 4 YEARS

PRESCOTT, Feb. 7.—For the first time in four years Yavapai county will call a grand jury. A motion by Attorney Neal C. Clark for impaneling a grand jury here on February 17 has been granted by Judge J. Sweeney of the superior court. The county attorney's office indicated that a probe of conditions at Jerome, following sensational charges against a mine guard and two city police officers, would be the object of the inquiry.

## YUMA COUNTY WINS IN BOND SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST SUPERVISORS

YUMA, Feb. 7.—In the case of John Doan against the board of supervisors of Yuma county, seeking to enjoin the board from issuing bonds in the sum of 100,000 without submitting the matter to a vote of the people, the supreme court has decided in favor of the county and the board of supervisors. This decision sustains the decision of Judge Fred L. Ingraham, of the superior court, it sustains in every respect the contention of County Attorney W. F. Timmons and justifies all along the line the action of the board of supervisors.

Bonds to the amount of \$100,000 were ordered issued by the board of supervisors last summer with which to refund the floating indebtedness of the county. The bonds were sold, but before the money was paid into the county treasury the purchasers asked that a decision of the supreme court be secured as to the legality of the bonds.

To test the legality of the question Attorney Earl C. Hall brought suit for John Doan against the county asking that the board of supervisors be enjoined from issuing the bonds and raising all of the legal objections which the bond company suggested. The case came to trial before Judge Fred L. Ingraham, of the superior court, who decided that the bonds could be issued by the board of supervisors without a vote of the people. From the decision of Judge Ingraham, the plaintiff appealed the case to the supreme court. The case was heard on briefs in the supreme

## REPUBLICANS OF COCHISE COUNTY MEET HERE TODAY

DELEGATES CHOSEN TO TUCSON CONVENTION WHO WILL SELECT DELEGATES TO NATIONAL MEETING AT CHICAGO; A. H. GARDNER AND MISS ELSIE TOLES REPRESENT TOMBSTONE AT TUCSON MEET.

Republicans from all parts of Cochise county gathered in convention in Tombstone this morning in answer to the call of the chairman of the Republican central committee, for the purpose of choosing delegates to represent this county at the convention to be held in Tucson, where delegates to the national convention will be selected.

The meeting was held in the offices of A. H. Gardner, local Republican leader.

The following were chosen as delegates from Cochise county at the Tucson convention.

LOWELL—Howard Barkell, John Redmond.

BISBEE—Geo. B. Wilcox, W. Gause, E. C. Hicks, O. L. Mize, J. Caretto, Bassett Watkins, R. A. Ziesemer, Emil Marks, Hartwell Nowell, Miss Winifred Combs, Wm. Terrikin.

TOMBSTONE—Elsie Toles, A. H. Gardner.

WILCOX—H. O. Parks, J. C. Gonsal.

BOWIE—Dana T. Miller.

RUCKER—Frank Moore.

PEARCE—Mrs. A. Y. Smith.

ST. DAVID—Lo Wright.

POMERENE—M. P. Cosby.

WEBB—J. M. Abbot.

WARREN—C. T. Knapp, Geo. Jay.

MCNEAL—J. T. Leeson.

DOUGLAS—Fred D. Hubbell, H. A. Clark, J. P. Boyle, Ben Stillman, C. A. Overlock, David Benshimol, J. W. Childers, M. H. Golse, Frank Myers, Ed Bradford, Albert Stacey, Mrs. Etta Brodie W. P. McNair.

BERNSON—Milton Fairlee.

GARCES—G. J. McCabe.

PERSHING THANKS PHOENIX  
PHOENIX, Feb. 7.—Gen. John J. Pershing expressed his appreciation in a letter to Gov. Thomas E. Campbell today, for the entertainment accorded him and his staff by the people of Phoenix and Maricopa county on the occasion of his recent visit here.

CONFERR ON TEXTBOOKS  
PHOENIX, Feb. 7.—Textbook consideration is scheduled for the meeting of the state board of education here Monday, according to announcement tonight by Superintendent of Public Instruction C. O. Case. The board will meet again on March 15.

PUNISHES WARLIKE BOYS  
DOUGLAS, Feb. 7.—Convicted on a charge of gang fighting in which a shotgun, revolvers and knives were flourished but not used, a group of small boys were sentenced today by Judge Alfred C. Lockwood in the juvenile section of the Cochise county superior court, to remain at home night and to refrain from attending motion picture shows for a period of from two months to a year. The boys and their parents consented to the sentence rather than have the boys sent to the state industrial school.

court and the decision was handed down a day or two ago in which that court sustained the decision of Judge Ingraham.